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The Art Center of the Bluegrass is starting a new initiative to partner with and empower local youth in leadership opportunities focusing on arts advocacy and engagement.

The Art Center of the Bluegrass' Youth Advisory Council will be made up of approximately 20 middle school, high school, and college students selected through an application process. The Council will meet monthly and bring a diverse perspective to the Art Center while creating leadership opportunities for our youth members. In partnership with the Art Center, the Council will engage with programming, communication, and outreach.

Who would be a good candidate for this Council? The type of student we are looking for is someone who is interested in the arts, a creative thinker, comfortable talking to people, good working in a group, able to articulate ideas, happy doing work, and is accepting of all people. Students do not need to be artists to be a good fit for this work. We expect that students on the Council will be active members; there will be opportunities for additional work and engagement outside of the monthly meetings.

Some examples of the activities the Council Members will be involved in include volunteering at Art Center events, taking over the Art Center social media for a day, helping create posters for special events, learning alongside regional leaders, taking art field trips, providing ideas and feedback to the Art Center, and serving as an ambassador for the Art Center. Members will also guide the activities for which they are interested.

Each term is two years and there is the possibility for extended terms.

Timeline

August/September: Get the word out about the program and the application process.

September 8: Q&A Zoom meeting for anyone who would like to learn more about the program

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83816809580>

September 30: Application opens online

November 11: Last day to submit the application

December 3: Interviews

December 15: Council members announced

January 17, 2023: First Council Meeting

Application Process

The application will be an online application. There will be **two or three** short essay questions about why you are interested in the Youth Advisory Council. The application should not take very long to complete. There will be a teacher recommendation letter that is required. All candidates will have a short interview as well.

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Thank you for your interest in the Art Center of the Bluegrass Youth Advisory Council